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U.S. AIRCRAFT DOWNED BY MIG-21, 5 OCTOBER FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 AND FINAL TO

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(ALL TIMES ZULU) TWO NVAF 921ST REGIMENT MIG-21'S ENGAGED ALLIED AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 5 OCTOBER AND SHOT DOWN ONE OF THE \$HOSTILE\$ AIRCRAFT. THE TWO MIG-21'S WERE ORDERED TO SCRAMBLE FROM YEN BAI AT 0647 AND TOOK OFF AT 0648. INITIAL VECTORING TOWARD \$HOSTILE\$ AIRCRAFT 13 KILOMETERS AWAY WAS GIVEN BY THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER AT HANOI BACH MAI. AT 0651 THE MIG'S DROPPED THEIR AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS AND ONE MINUTE LATER OPENED BOOSTERS. A PHUC YEN CONTROLLER INFORMED THE MIG'S AT 0653 THAT \$HOSTILE\$ WERE 35 KILOMETERS AWAY AND CROSSING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. THE LEAD PILOT SIGHTED FOUR \$ENEMY\$ AIRCRAFT, WAS INFORMED BY THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER AT 0654 THAT THERE WERE EIGHT \$HOSTILE\$, AND WAS ORDERED TO ATTACK. ACCORDING TO THE CONTROLLER, \$NOBODY WAS THREATENING\$ THE MIG'S, AND THEY COULD \$INTERCEPT THEM WELL\$. AT THIS POINT THE MIG'S WERE 1.5 KILOMETERS ABOVE THEIR TARGET AND SEEMED UNUSUALLY CONFIDENT IN THEIR ATTACK POSITION. AT 0655 THE MIG'S WERE CLOSING AND ONE MINUTE LATER THE WINGMAN EXCLAIMED THAT AN AIRCRAFT WAS BURNING; THE LEAD PILOT CONFIRMED THE SHOOTDOWN. THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER THEN ORDERED HIS AIRCRAFT TO BREAK AWAY SINCE OTHER \$HOSTILE\$ WERE IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO A PHUC YEN CONTROLLER, HOWEVER, THE WINGMAN WAS STILL IN COMBAT AT 0657. ALTHOUGH THE WINGMAN AGAIN CITED A BURNING AIRCRAFT HOWEVER, HE WAS PROBABLY REFERRING TO HIS SHOOTDOWN ONE MINUTE EARLIER. THE MIG'S WERE THEN INSTRUCTED TO BREAK AWAY AND TO RETURN TO PHUC YEN, WHERE THEY HAD LANDED AT 0708. COMMENT, ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, A U.S. F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE NVAF ON 5 OCTOBER. XXHH 650 #3237 NNN

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